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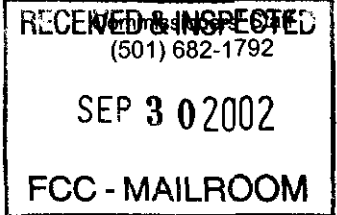
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Ms. Irene Flannery
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via email & Fed. Ex.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45 Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service -
Arkansas Carriers Eligible for Cost Support (Rural & Non-Rural)

Dear Ms. Dortch & Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to the provisions of 47 C.F.R. §54.313 and/or 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, this letter is to certify that, based on representations made to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the following list of companies have agreed to use federal high cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with §254(e) of the Communications Act of 1996.

Alltel Arkansas, Inc.
Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.
Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Century Telephone of Arkansas, Inc.
CenturyTel of Central Arkansas, LLC
CenturyTel of Mountain Home, Inc.
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC
CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.
CenturyTel of Redfield, Inc.
CenturyTel of South Arkansas, Inc.
Cleveland County Telephone Co.
Decatur Telephone Co.
Ritter Telephone Company
Lavaca Telephone Co., Inc.
Magazine Telephone Company

Mountain View Telephone Company
Northern Arkansas Telephone Co.
Prairie Grove Telephone Company
Rice Belt Telephone Co., Inc.
Scott County Telephone Co.
South Arkansas Telephone Co.
Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P.
Tri-County Telephone Co., Inc.
Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP
Walnut Hill Telephone Co.
Yelcot Telephone Company, Inc.
Yell County Telephone Company
Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.

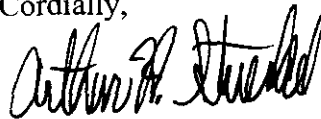
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If any additional information is needed to assure certification of these carriers, please contact me.

Please return a copy of this letter, noting your receipt, in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelope.

Cordially,



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